



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of) Examiner: Daniel Sullivan
Derek Van Der Kooy et al.) Art Unit: 1636
Serial No. 09/966,768)
Filed: September 28, 2001)
For: "Primitive Neural Stem)
Cells and Method for)
Differentiation of Stem)
Cells to Neural Cells")

REPLY TO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION DATED MAY 17, 2004

The undersigned attorney received an Official Communication dated May 17, 2004 concerning the above-identified patent application. The Official Communication indicates that the amendment to the claims filed on February 20, 2004, in response to the November 20, 2003 Official Action, is deemed to not fully comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c). In this connection, the Examiner has stated that "the amendment does not properly identify all of the changes made to the claims." Specifically, the recitation of "culturing the cells in a transplantation media" in claim 43 is not properly identified as a change.

Applicants submit herewith a new claim set identifying all of the changes made in the Official Action response dated February 20, 2004, to the claims as presented in the Official Action response dated August 25, 2003.

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Early and favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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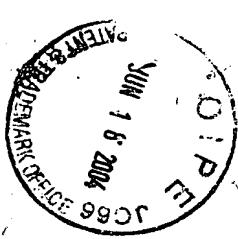
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